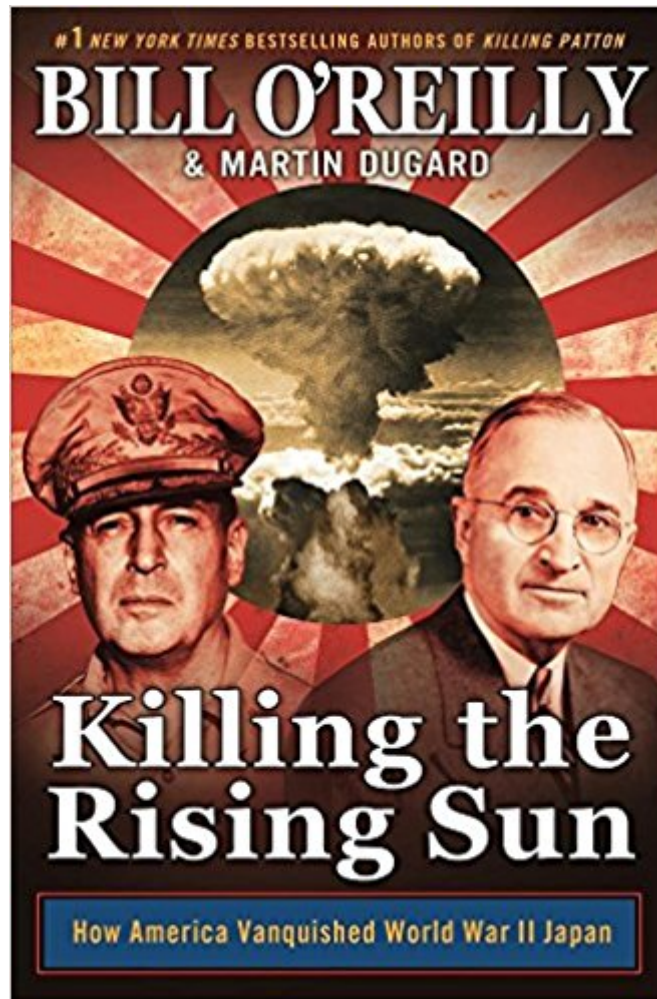


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Killing The Rising Sun: How America Vanquished World War II Japan



Synopsis

The powerful and riveting new book in the multimillion-selling Killing series by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. Autumn 1944. World War II is nearly over in Europe but is escalating in the Pacific, where American soldiers face an opponent who will go to any length to avoid defeat. The Japanese army follows the samurai code of Bushido, stipulating that surrender is a form of dishonor. Killing the Rising Sun takes readers to the bloody tropical-island battlefields of Peleliu and Iwo Jima and to the embattled Philippines, where General Douglas MacArthur has made a triumphant return and is plotting a full-scale invasion of Japan. Across the globe in Los Alamos, New Mexico, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer and his team of scientists are preparing to test the deadliest weapon known to mankind. In Washington, DC, FDR dies in office and Harry Truman ascends to the presidency, only to face the most important political decision in history: whether to use that weapon. And in Tokyo, Emperor Hirohito, who is considered a deity by his subjects, refuses to surrender, despite a massive and mounting death toll. Told in the same page-turning style of Killing Lincoln, Killing Kennedy, Killing Jesus, Killing Patton, and Killing Reagan, this epic saga details the final moments of World War II like never before.

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Customer Reviews

First, I should disclose that I'm a political conservative but not necessarily a fan of Bill O'Reilly. Nevertheless I have read several of his "killing book series," and I have found them invariably superficial in depth but otherwise well-written and interesting "written in accordance with marketing techniques for popular, best selling books." Killing the Rising Sun:

How America Vanquished World War II Japan is no different, but it's arguably better, if not the best of those I have read so far in the series. The reason for this is perhaps that O'Reilly is not dealing with a controversial subject, and is free to narrate history with suspense while propounding his usual winning and acceptable populist viewpoint with little risk of possibly offending propriety or violating taboos. This happened very successfully with his book on "Killing Kennedy." With "Killing Jesus" he was careful to remain confined in his narrative within the acceptable known facts surrounding the "historical Jesus" without theological speculation, and without advancing any new biblical theories or launching new historical research. Second, if you have enjoyed his previous books you will love this one. In this new book, the Japanese are clearly the bad guys for triggering the war in a treacherous and infamous fashion at Pearl Harbor, and O'Reilly is free to engage in unhindered patriotism, and supportive of whatever blow America intended and delivered to the vanquished Japanese. And thus unhindered in his point of view and on the right side of history, O'Reilly and Dugald have written a basic but very interesting account of how "America killed the Rising Sun." There are not, and the reader should not expect, any, new revelations.

I am an Honorably Discharged Viet Nam Era Veteran | and I feel "humbled" just to be able to read this book. With the discord in some circles today about the lack of honoring our flag and our National Anthem | this book couldn't have been released at a better time. This book is riveting | it's bone chilling | it's tears of pride | and tears of sadness | inducing | it produces nauseating disgust of what human beings are capable of doing | and also makes you literally want to get down on your knees | and thank the wondrous Lord | for the miracle of the men he has put on this earth | who truly put love of country first. And it so shamefully puts a spotlight on these people who try to discredit | demean | degrade | and disgrace our flag and what it stands for. As a child I was taught by my Dad as we raised the flag in front of our house | to never let the flag hit the ground | and if you did | you kissed it when you picked it up. I grew up to see first-hand in the military | the honor of the person who carried our flag in formations in front of us. And the hypocrisy and loss of a country's literal spine | by allowing people to burn it | As a Grandfather now | I tell my son of my fear | of being jailed and having my life ruined | based on my physical response if someone in my vision tries to desecrate the flag. That's what this world has come to | and reading this detailed book of World War II's darkest hours | and the heroism of United States Veterans | will make that great American Flag | literally come alive with voices | and faces | and unbelievable sacrifice | so powerful | you may literally throw your arm out of its socket when you

are lucky enough to snap off a salute. Bill O'Reilly | some people may not know | was a history teacher | before he became a world famous journalist.

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